

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Previously, claims 1-8 were pending with claim 1 being independent. Claim 1 has been amended as to form.

New claims 9-20 have been added. Claims 9 and 10 are independent.

The abstract has been amended as to form.

The specification has been amended as to form to include section headings.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected as anticipated by both of GOODNOW et al. 4,300,545 and MARKUS 5,843,043.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner included annotated drawing figures from these two references which clearly indicate how the claims were being read on the references. Applicants appreciate the effort made by the Examiner in this regard.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify the relationship between the recited features of the invention. That is, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that a diameter of the expanded outlet section is greater than a diameter of the restriction section. With reference to Figure 1, see that there is illustrated a nozzle-shaped channel (4) having a restriction section (5) and an expanded outlet section (6). As illustrated,

the diameter of the expanded outlet section (6) is greater than the diameter of the restriction section (5).

Neither of the applied references teaches this structural relationship. Accordingly, the anticipation rejection should be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Claim 8 stands rejected as obvious over GOODNOW et al. and MARKUS in view of FLAGG 1,507,475. Claim 8 is believed allowable at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

Independent claims 9 and 10 are also believed to be allowable as they recite the invention comprising an outlet portion having a longitudinal axis and a channel (passageway) extending through the longitudinal axis. The claims further recite an inlet (3) terminating at a first end and an outlet (2) terminating at a second end. Further, the claims recite a restriction section (5) located in the channel (passageway) intermediate the inlet and outlet, wherein the interior diameter of the inlet is greater than the interior diameter of the outlet and the interior diameter of the outlet is greater than the interior diameter of the restriction section. The applied references do not teach this structural relationship and in particular the recited diameters. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be allowable.

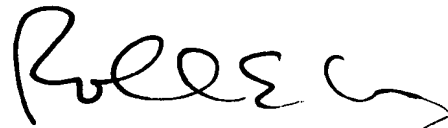
The new dependent claims are believed to be allowable at least for depending from an allowable independent claim.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- an amended Abstract of the Disclosure